

## MISSION AND SERVICE UPDATE

Shalom Ministries served 50,000 hot meals (Breakfast, Dinner) to the homeless and disenfranchised in our Spokane community in 2020. In September alone, 5,796 meals were served. This is the largest need they have ever experienced. Some of your generous HPPC dollars have been designated to Shalom Ministries. In 2020, \$3,000 was assigned through Hamblen's pledged dollars and an additional \$3,000 through Hamblen's Covid-Relief Fund. In 2021, \$3,000 has again been designated through pledged dollars. The Hamblen Covid-Relief Fund is still open and we're hoping to be able to help further financially in 2021.

In 2020, Shalom used Hamblen's Covid-Relief Fund donations to purchase Grab and Go containers, PPE supplies for their guests; since they have to wear a mask and use hand sanitizer when they enter the building to pick up their hand-prepared hot meal. Shalom also used Hamblen dollars to purchase necessary heated-container equipment to keep the meals hot as they are transported from their kitchen to the serving area. Shalom incurred extra labor costs since many of their elderly volunteers are not able to help with the Dining with Dignity program. Shalom is hopeful that they will be able to serve sit-down meals again come summer 2021.

Funds are tight and they will need to dip into their \$25,000 reserve if they do not come up with the \$15,000 that they are now over budget. They remain optimistic that these funds will be provided. They are also in need of new or gently used sleeping bags, blankets, men's coats, and boots. You can drop off these donations at 518 West Third Avenue in downtown Spokane and simply ring the bell for assistance. Younger volunteers are also needed. Shalom received Hamblen's initial \$3,000 for 2021 and wish to express their continued sincere gratitude for your generous support. Well Done Hamblen!